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TOPIC Progress of Construction Work on the Southern Section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring

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REMARKS

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1. The following information on the present status of the southern section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring (OAR) was obtained on 11 June 1951:

a. Man-made structures:

- (1) Railroad overpass at Berliner Damm: not yet opened to traffic.
- (2) Railroad bridge near Mahlow: bridge is open.
- (3) Glasow Damm: a wooden footpath for passengers has been completed and opened. A permanent road bridge will probably be built in the future.
- (4) Railroad overpass over the Interessentenweg, west of Mahlow: work on the construction of this bridge has not yet been started.
- (5) Railroad underpass at the Falkenberg (Alt Glienicke): one abutment has been completed, forms have been set up for concreting the second one.
- (6) Railroad overpass at Adlergestell, east of Glienicke: the bridge will be about 110 meters long. Forms for concreting work of piers and abutments were 90 percent completed. All the foundations and one pier are completed.

b. Roadbed:

A total of about 5 km extending on both sides of Schoenefeld is completed. Excavation work for the railroad between Schoenefeld and Alt Glienicke is 30 percent completed. Further to the east as far as the junction with the old Outer Freight Ring, the excavation work is 70 percent completed. The permanent way east of the curve near Mahlow is completed. A track about 2.5 km long has been laid from Mahlow. Ties and rails for the second track have been piled up for a 2 km stretch. Work on the laying of the second track has been started.

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the Berlin regional railroad headquarters that the concreting work on the bridges near Adlergestell was completed on 15 June. The steel substructures are at the bridge site. They will be installed in about two weeks when the abutments and piers will have set. When the bridge is opened, as scheduled on 10 July the line will be double-track from Grossbeeren as far as kilometer marker 21.0, which is near Alt Glienicke, and single-track from the marker as far as the Toltow Canal.

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3. [redacted] it is im-
probable that the SAR will be opened on 10 July as scheduled, parti-
cularly since rails and ties are delivered in inadequate quantities.
The line is single-track and after completion will be capable of a
train density of 24 trains in both directions in a 24-hour period.
With respect to its load capacity, it will belong into the 3 cate-
gory of lines which permit a standard maximum axle pressure of 20 tons. This
is the capacity of the bridge near Gruenau, which was formerly on the
Salzwedel-Mittenberge line. *

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* [redacted] Comment.

If the southern section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring is formally
opened on 10 July 1951, it will be propaganda material. Extensive
additional work will be required after that date before the line will
have acquired its full efficiency.

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